

January/February Project Due the Week of February 21st

Biographies

You will be choosing one historical figure and researching their life. A historical figure has made a contribution to our society and should not be just a celebrity. You will need to read a biography or autobiography that has an AR quiz. For your project, you will give a speech with a PowerPoint presentation. You may use other resources for your research, but you must pass the AR test for your biography book.

1. Your speech must include:

- An Introduction: Hook your audience with a fact or quick summary of your historical figure.
- Early childhood: Information you can include: When born, birthday, family members, what was life like for him/her growing up? Characteristics with evidence to support claim can be included.
- Adulthood: Information you can include: Married, kids, education
- Historical Period: Information you can include: What is he/she known for? How did he/she get to this point? What inspired him/her?
- Death (if no longer living) Date of death? Cause?
- Summary: Highlight the significance of your historical figure by restating their accomplishments and contribution to society.

Speeches should be written in the first person (I, me). They should be memorized and run 3-5 minutes long. You may use 3x5 cards for notes. **You must turn in a typed copy of your speech on Thursday, February 16th.**

2. PowerPoint must include:

- At least 5 slides (including a title slide)
- At least 1 picture of your historical figure (not a cartoon)
- Slides should have a title and bullets of information (not sentences/paragraphs)
- Slides should be visually appealing (easy to read, colors are not too similar)
- Pictures added should be historical (no cartoons)
- Transitions should be included between slides

3. For your presentation you must dress as the person you are studying. Costumes can be created out of clothing, paper, etc. Students will be given specific days to present during the week of February 21st, 2017.

4. Listening/Speaking Grade

- Posture
- Elocution
- Eye contact
- Able to respond to questions from the audience

5. Due Dates

- Take AR Quiz by Friday, February 3rd
- Rough Draft for speech due by Wednesday, February 8th
- PowerPoint or Google Presentation is due Friday, February 10th
- Typed copy of speech is due Thursday, February 16th.